

IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

CAPT. BUNKER IS ALL-VALLEY RIGHT TACKLE

This Is Position As Chosen for Him by Cochrane, K. C. Journal-Post Sports Editor.

NEBRASKA HAS 4 PLACES On Second Team Varsity Crew Wins Two Places: Center to Smith and Right Guard to Lewis.

Herbert Bunker, captain of the 1922 Tigers, won the position of right tackle on the All-Missouri Valley Conference eleven as picked by Edward W. Cochrane, sports editor of the Kansas City Journal-Post. Nebraska took four places and the Kansas Aggies and Drake took Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma took

only one position. On the second team Mr. Cochrane gave Missouri two places: center to Smith and right guard to Lewis.

The first team as chosen follows: Marsh, Oklahoma, left end; Weller, Nebraska, left tackle; Hahn, K. S. A. C., left guard; Peterson, Nebraska, center; Denton, Drake, right guard; Bunker, Missouri, right tackle; Black, Kansas, right end; Swartz, K. S. A. C., quarterback; Noble, Nebraska, left halfback; Boelter, Drake, right halfback; Hartley, Nebraska, fullback.

Americans Aid in Oxford Victory.
By United Press.
LONDON, Dec. 4.—Helped principally by Bill Stevenson and Tevis Huhn, former Princeton stars, and Moseley, former South Carolina runner, Oxford defeated Cambridge three to two in their annual relay meet. The Americans are Rhodes scholars.

Moran Signs New Centre Contract.
By United Press.
DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 4.—"Uncle Charley" Moran has signed a new five-year contract to coach football at Centre College. Plans have been approved to build a stadium to his honor at the college.

MUFFED BALLS DECIDE MANY CLOSE GAMES

Unexpected Happenings in This Year's Football Contests Outnumber the Normal.

GOAL KICKS ARE VITAL
Coaches Should Train Players More Carefully in Fundamentals Says Walter Camp.

By Walter Camp (Copyright, 1922).
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Anyone who listened closely on Saturday afternoons throughout the football season between the hours of 2 and 4:30 p. m. could hear a patter of sound caused by the dropping of fumbled footballs on the gridiron. Many a game has been decided by this misadventure this season, and it may well be said that the unexpected happenings took precedence over those that were normal.

The failure to make the goal kick after a touchdown was a very vital thing in many of the most important games, and in a great majority of these cases it was the fault of the kicker and not of his team.

The average layman, of course, looks from the stands and thinks it certainly should be easy enough to hold on to an object the size of a football, but if that same critic would go down on the field and take the ball as it is blown up for the kickoff of a game, with its rock-tight surface, smooth and slippery, he would get some idea of the difficulties of handling it. It is a good thing to have some resin handy for the players, for in the colder weather of the fall, the hands are quite dry and the ball slips easily in them.

The many instances of the ball slipping out of the hands of the man after he has started on a run, indicate that coaches should be more particular in teaching men the art of carrying the ball, particularly at the moment of being tackled. Many a man carries the ball so that if he is tackled from the side and the impact comes against his elbow the ball shoots out of his arms. Others have a way of carrying it in a fashion, reaching it out in front of them in the hands. While this may be safe in open play, it is a dangerous trick to attempt when the center is being tackled.

There are a great many details of play that a coach should follow up more carefully. They are fundamental, basic principles, but in the anxiety to develop trick plays, or methods of strategy, some coaches are prone to neglect these cardinal features of the game. One of our best football players met the writer on the eve of a big game this year and stated that he had just read a book on football, written twenty years ago, and found therein the instructions which he regarded as most up-to-date of any at the present moment. Just a glance over the list of these gives one some notion of what were regarded as fundamental principles in the old days, and how close they still come to being fundamental.

The first was teaching the men how to carry the ball, particularly how to grip it when making a line plunge; then came the handling of the ball for passing; catching the ball and using the front of

the thigh in closing up a sort of pocket so that if the ball went through the hands or arms it would go forward within the vision of the man who muffed it. Then there was a section dealing with the methods of kicking, and particularly placing of punts, the cutting of the side lines and the delaying of the punt when possible in order to let the line-men get down the field. The various methods of blocking and interfering were explained.

Altogether, the reading of some of these old instructions will convince any coach that the fundamentals are as necessary today as ever. Perhaps if some of these old cautions had been carried out we should have seen less fumbling and muffed, and fewer vagrant balls than we have been treated to this season.

DRAKE WON'T CONCEDE TITLE

Claims Right to Valley Honors Despite Huskers' Good Season Record.

The supporters of Drake University, according to a dispatch from Des Moines deny the claim of the University of Nebraska to the undisputed claim to the championship of the Missouri Valley Conference. Both teams went through the football season without a defeat.

Drake bases her claim on the record made in the conference games, and on the results of her intersectional clashes with Mississippi A. and M. which Drake won 48 to 6, and with the Colorado Aggies, which they won 19 to 6.

Nebraska officials do not wish to be put in a position of claiming a championship, and their stand is that of allowing football critics to draw their own conclusions from the records of the games played.

MAY RETURN TO BASEBALL
Hugh Bezdek, Penn State Director, Has Offer.

By Consolidated Press Assn. (Copyright 1922).
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Hugh Bezdek, when he went to Penn State as an athletic director, said he was through with professional baseball for good. But since Friday, when he finished steering the Penn State eleven through the last game of a strenuous season, he has been giving the offer to become the manager of the Philadelphia National League baseball club his "undivided attention."

As an organizer, Bezdek has shown ability on the same lines as Bill Raper, coach of the Princeton eleven. The Penn State center has been so successful this year as he was in 1921 but he had not the high quality of football material this fall with which he was blessed a year ago.

The offer made him by Philadelphia is without a doubt flattering to Bezdek's ability but his friends who have watched his work with Penn State with pleasure and appreciation intimate that in their belief college work is essentially his forte as against the task of trying to handle a professional baseball team which must be built from the ground up.

Army to Play Yale Next Year.
WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The Army eleven wants games next fall with Yale, Iowa and Notre Dame. An October game has been accepted for the Yale game and negotiations are pending with Iowa, Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins and North Carolina.

TO AWARD M'S TOMORROW Athletic Committee Will Also Give Freshman Numerals.

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics of the University will meet tomorrow to award the M's for Varsity football men and the numerals for freshmen.

Z. G. Clevenger, director of athletics, said today that he did not know how many Varsity and freshman players will be awarded. He said that the election of captain for next year's football team will be held at the football banquet to be given in the near future.

Other matters which will be discussed by the committee are: The football schedule for next year, matters coming up before the next Missouri Valley Conference meeting, and the track schedule for next spring. There will be no definite action taken on these matters, according to Mr. Clevenger.

PRINCETON WANTS HARD GAMES FOR NEXT YEAR
Roper Says They Develop Team—Yale Had No Outstanding Star This Year.

By Lawrence Perry (Copyright 1922).
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Princeton, in looking forward to her 1923 schedule, will seek to arrange at least two hard games leading up to the Harvard and Yale contests.

"Have you noticed," said William Roper, Princeton's coach, recently, "that in recent years when Princeton has been most successful her seasons have been extremely rigorous? The way to develop an eleven is to put it through the fire. In this way the men are hardened, and collective and individual flaws are revealed. And I cannot see that

players suffer any more, if as much, against strong opposition as against sloppy playing."

It looks as though Princeton would welcome Dartmouth for the fourth game of her season. Or Cornell would be a valued opponent for Princeton at this time. The Ithacans, however, would probably demand a home-and-home agreement and there are other difficulties in the way of an arrangement. Other possibilities for the Tigers' fourth game are Penn State, Notre Dame,

Georgia Tech or some strong eleven from another section.

Yale coaching this season was adequate. The team had enough plays and facility in launching them to have beaten Harvard by two touchdowns, according to a Harvard man who has followed football closely for the last twenty years. What was lacking? Some say the divine spark. Others, more practical, say that the Elis fell down simply because they had no outstanding star

such as Owen of Harvard, Smythe of West Point, and other gridiron geniuses who possess the ability to swing contests through their own efforts.

Georgia Tech is going to journey to the West next fall. She has clinched a date with Notre Dame at South Bend for October 27. This is a return engagement. "I hope," says Knute Rube, "that the yellow jackets will enjoy their visit to our town as much as we enjoyed our visit in Atlanta."

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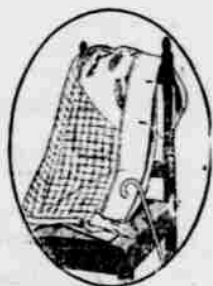
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